I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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19/06/2015: The 6M6M team will be active again during the weekends between 19 June and 31 July 2015. They will be QRV on 6 metres only, modes will be CW, SSB, FM and Digital, with high power stations, from the Gyeonggi Province (HL2), Sudogwon region, South Korea. QSL via Kei, HL2UVH. [425 DX News]

19/06/2015: Juri, ES5GP will be active from 19th till 21st of June 2015 and participate in WCW-2015 from Laiuse Castle (WCA ES-00016). He plans to work on 40 and 20 metres as ES5GP/p. QSL via ERAU bureau. [RN1CW]

19/06/2015: The Strumble Head DX and Contest Group are in the final planning stages of their regular trip to Ramsey Island [Ynys Dewi] (EU-124, WAB SM72, WWFF GWFF-0072, WW Loc. IO71HU), Wales. This year they are going to try to have 3 stations on air full time as they are only there for 3 nights. Arrive on the island Friday 19th June and depart island Monday 22nd June. They will be using 3 of the new "Hexpedition" hexbeams built by Ant, one will be directed to the West to allow us to work as many statins in the USA as possible as we seem to be lacking contacts from there each year. There may be some digi mode operating and again we will be looking on 6m to work as many as possible on there too. The full team this year are: Rob MW0RLJ, Ant MW0JZE, Tim M0URX, Charles M0OXO, Tony G4LDL, Chris G1VDP, Vinny M0TAV, Jane (Rob's wife and the chief chef and the one who keeps us in check), Laura MW6INK (Ant's wife and Janes right hand) and Glenys G8KWD (Tony's wife and Janes left hand). Usual DX Code of conduct rules will be adhered to (FULL CALL ONLY) and the regular QSL route via M0URX. Please do not send your card to them via the bureau as they do not need your card, but use Tim's on line request service to get your card sent this way free of charge - or request direct and donate a couple of dollars to assit with their costs. Website: www.mc0shl.com/ [DX-World]

19/06/2015: Naoki, JS3LSQ will be active as T88WJ from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror Island, Republic of Palau (OC-009, WW Loc. PJ77FI) from 19-25 June 2015. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and Digital modes. He will also participate in the All Asian CW Contest. QSL via home call.

19/06/2015: Tim, VK7NSE and Paul, VK2HV will be active again as VK7FG from Flinders Island (IOTA OC-195, WWFF VKFF-0175, Grid Loc. QE49) from 19 June "for around two weeks". They are hopeful to be QRV on 160-10 metres, and "maybe some 6m if there is any propagation". QSL via M0OXO (please use the OQRS at www.m0oxo.com for direct and bureau cards). [425 DX News]

19/06/2015: Imam, YB4IR plans activity as YB4IR/9 from Ram Island (IOTA OC-239) from 19-22 June. Look for Imam on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS, direct or bureau. Joining Imam for this activation will be Joni YB9WZJ/p, Sar YB9WAN/p and Sorong YB9RWY/p. QSL via home calls. [YB4IR]

20/06/2015: Francois, F5JNE, in company with Gilles, F4FGJ, will be active as F5JNE/p on Saturday 20 June 2015 from the Castle of Kerdurand (DFCF 56-096), from the commune of Riantec (CP 56670), Departement of Morbihan (DDFM 56) and Province of Bretagne (DPF 06). QTR/QRG and normal modes. QSL via F5JNE, bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

20/06/2015: For the Castle's Week-end (20-21 June) HB9HI/p will be active from the Castle of Agiez, Vaud (DCS VD001, WCA HB-00631, WW Loc. JN36GR). QRV on, or near, the castle frequencies of 3.5 MHz to 144 MHz, CW and SSB. Team members include Marie-Christelle HB3YWZ, Matthias HB9EGM, David HB9EKC, Augier HB9EKD, Vince HB9EVJ, Eric HB9IAB and Alexandre HB9ICJ. They plan to have two HF stations (3.5 to 28 MHz) with 100 watts, antennas dipoles and verticals. A dedicated VHF station will also be active on 50 and 144 MHz with 50 watts, antennas yagis and verticals. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [I2JJR/HB9TZA]

20/06/2015: Lothar, DK8LRF will be active again from Villa Mariposa (WW Loc. FJ34FG), municipality of Restrepo, Meta Department, Colombia, between 20th June and 20th October 2015 as HK3JCL. Rig: Kenwood TS-50, Ameritron AL-811 HY, MFJ-962D Versa Tuner III with Rhombic antennas, Yaesu FT-2500 M for Echolink. QSL via home call, bureau is preferred way. [ATDX]

20/06/2015: Taka, JA8COE plans activity as JA8COE/8 from Rebun Island (IOTA AS-147), located off the northwestern tip of Hokkaido from 20-22 June. QRV on the HF bands using SSB, CW and Digital modes. The island is part of the Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu National Park (WWFF JAFF-0021), Hokkaido prefecture, Soya subprefecture. QSL via home call, direct, Club Log OQRS, or JARL bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

20/06/2015: Dragan, YT2KID will be active on the 20th of June 2015 and participate in WCW-2015 from Koznik Castle (WCA/CISA YU-00007). He plans to work as YT2KID/p on 40, 20 and 17 metre SSB. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

21/06/2015: Members of the International Police Association Radio Club OO6P plan activity as HB0/OO6P on a camping mini-dxpedition to Triesen (WW Loc. JN47SC), Liechtenstein from 21-26 June, 2015. QRV on 160-6 metre SSB, RTTY and PSK63/PSK31 (50.125-52.000 MHz SSB). Team members include Eddy ON6ZV, Rene ON6OM, Martin ON7EG and Michel ON4MW. Note: a QSO with OO6P is valid for all IPA awards - See ON4IPA and/or ON6ZV (QRZ.com). QSL via ON6ZV, direct (Eddy West, Kweepeerstraat - 16, B - 9940 Evergem, Belgium) or Bureau. Further info and updates at: www.qsl.net/on6om/hb0-oo6p [OO6P web]

21/06/2015: Look for Lars, OZ1IVA to be QRV as homecall/p from Laeso Island (EU-088, OZI/DIA NK-003, WLOTA 2820, WWFF OZFF-0001) from 21-27 June. Activity will be mainly on 7039(+/-) and 14039(+/-) kHz CW, using a K1 and vertical antenna. Activity will be sporadic - mostly daytime/afternoons. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

22/06/2015: Pete, VE3IKV plans activity as C6AUX from the Baycaner Beach Resort at Pirate's Well on Mayaguana Island (IOTA NA-113, Grid Loc. FL32) between 22 June and 6 July 2015. Focus will be on 6 metre CW and SSB, possibly some HF. QSL direct to VE3IKV (see QRZ.com). [VE3IKV]

22/06/2015: Bob, VK2RG (ex-T2RG) reports that he is about to depart Sydney for Majuro Island (IOTA OC-029), Marshall Islands. via Brisbane and Nauru. Activity is expected to start on Monday (22 June) with the call V73RG. Plan at this stage is the be there for one week, but maybe extended by another week. From Majuro, Bob then flies to Tarawa, Kiribati for a week there. He will pick up his T30 callsign on arrival. Bob uses an FT857D to a multiband

dipole. He hopes to have internet this time. Radio operation will be JT65 and WSPR, maybe some PSK as well. V73RG will also show up on some SSB DX nets as Bob did when in Tuvalu. QSL DIRECT to home call with return postage. [DX-World]

22/06/2015: Wayne, VK5APN is once again travelling for work, this time to decommission a Radio Studio. "Traveling to Pt Augusta that is in PF87, but have been QRV from there before. It is close to PF97 so will QRV in that new grid on 22-23 June. Have 2 moon passes whilst there, but as it is winter and I operate outside, could be wet, windy and cold. So have 2 days to be QRV if wx not kind to me on first day. Moon conditions not the best and work during daytime, so only Moon Set after evening meal. 144.130 1st." QSL via home call, direct only. Webpage to be updated with new grid info at: www.vk5apn.com/PortableEME.html [MMMonVHF]

24/06/2015: Hide, JI1AVY and Sei, JA7LU will be active as 4W//homecalls from Timor Leste (OC-148, WLOTA 0019) between 25-29th June. QRV on 160-6 metre CW, RTTY and SSB. They realise 80 and 160m will be difficult this time of year but will attempt and effort. QSL 4W/JA7LU via home call, direct only (Seihachi Suzuki, 2-5-9 Kaga, Kashiwa-shi 277-0051, Japan) - NO BURO. QSL 4W/JI1AVY via home call, direct or bureau and LoTW. [DX-World]

24/06/2015: Peter, ZL2HM plans activity as E6AB from the Clifftop Fale holiday home, Namukulu Village, Niue Island (IOTA OC-040, WW Loc. AH51BA), between 24 June and 2 July 2015. QRV holiday-style on 80-10 metre, possibly 6m, SSB only. QSL via ZL2HM, direct only (Peter Moore, 13 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa 4210 4210, New Zealand). [DX-World]

25/06/2015: Mike, KI1U will be active as KI1U/VE9 from Grand Manan Island (NA-014, CIsA NB-003, WLOTA 0082) on 25-29th June. He will operate mainly CW and digital on 80-10 metres, with most operating activity during the the ARRL Field Day. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. [425 DX News]

25/06/2015: Chris W3CMP, Terry K4RX and Dick K5AND will be active as PJ5A and PJ5/homecalls from St. Eustatius Island (NA-145, WLOTA 1851, WWFF PAFF-0025, WW Loc. FK87MM) between June 25 to July 6, 2015. Emphasis on 6m, but other bands also used including low bands. QSL PJ5A via M0URX, Club Log OQRS. QSL others via their home calls. Website: www.dkhanson.com/pj5 [DX-World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

27/06/2015: W1V will be celebrating the successful relocation of the Gay Head Light (ARLHS USA-319) during ARRL Field Day. Patrick KC1AJT and Noah KB1VWZ will be operating a station from the lighthouse in Aquinnah, Massachusetts on Martha's Vineyard (NA-046, USi MA-005S), Dukes county, Massachusetts. QSLs will be available via LoTW or direct to: Gay Head Light Field Day Martha's Vineyard, 314 Maple Street, Bellingham, MA 02019 USA. If DX stations would like a QSL card, we would prefer the use of Paypal to avoid having cash in the mail. Please email us at kc1ajt[@]kc1ajt.com to coordinate. [rsgbiota.org]

29/06/2015: Kouchi, JR2GAG reports that he will be active from Kolonia town, Pohnpei Island (OC-010 WW Loc. QJ96CX), F.S.M as V63GG between 29th June and 5th July, 2015. QRV on 20-6m mostly. Will try 160-40. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. No LoTW or eQSL. [DX-World]

06/07/2015: Tony, ZL2AGY is returning to the island of Rarotonga (OC-013, WLOTA 0971), South Cook Islands, and will be active as E51AGY from 6th July until 6th August, 2015. QRV holiday style on the HF bands, CW only. QSL via home call. [DX-World]

16/07/2015: Jim, KG4JSZ will be active from Key West (NA-062, USi FL-040S,), Monroe county, Florida, between 16-19th July for a fact finding trip with members of the Mid Florida DX Association to support activation of NA-076 during the ARRL VHF contest in January 2016. Jim will be active on 40 and 15 metres during available time in mornings and evenings local time. A side trip to Garden Key (NA-079, USi FL-013S) will be made on 18th July around 1600 to 1800 UTC. QSL via LoTW or direct (James R Schilling, 44 Joel Massey Road, Haines City, FL 33844, USA) with SASE/SAE and sufficient postage. [rsgbiota.org]

20/07/2015: Look for Rich, OK8WW (aka OM2TW) to be on family holiday with XYL and kids from the island of Sardinia (EU-024, IIA D001, MIA MIS-035, WLOTA 1608) between 20th July and 1st August. Rich will be active for the RSGB IOTA Contest (25-26 July) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power/Mixed entry using the callsign IS0/OM2TW. Outside the contest he will be active in his spare time on the HF bands. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

22/07/2015: Peter, 2E0SQL will be active as 2U0SQL from the island of Guernsey (EU-114, WLOTA 0013) between 22-28 July. QRV on the HF bands and the Satellites. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.2e0sql.co.uk/ [rsgbiota.org]

24/07/2015: Operators Tang BM2AAV, Jini Lin BO2AB, Eddie BV2DD, Evan BV2KS, Makioka BX4ABN, Ken JP1RIW, Alfred VR2SA, Bom XX9LT and others will be active as BO0K from Kinmen [aka Quemoy] Island (IOTA AS-102, WW Loc. OL94DK) between 24-27th July. This will include an Island/Multi-2 entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL Information: c/o A.R.T. QSL Service, P.O. Box 73-326, Taipei, Taiwan. [NG3K]

07/08/2015: From 7-10th August 2015, in Eisenborn, in the Luxembourg city neighborhood, will be active an International YL team using the special callsign LX9YL. The team will consist of: Dora HB9EPE, Johanna DJ5YL, Mado F1EOY, Christine F4GDI, Claudine F5JER, Sylvie F4HJC, Tina DL5YL, Evelyne F5RPB, and Sophie F4DHQ. Three stations will be settled and will cover the 160 to 6m band range in CW, SSB and Digital (PSK31, 63, 125 and RTTY). The logs will be uploaded on Club Log as frequently as possible. QSL via the Luxemburger bureau to RL and managed by Philippe/LX2A. More information on the activity website (under construction) at: - YL France (www.ref-union.net/yls/fr/lx9yl) and - Radioamateurs du Luxembourg [R.L.] (www.rlx.lu/). [F5NQL]

10/08/2015: Jeff, F4GGQ will be active as TF/F4GGQ from Iceland (EU-021, WLOTA 2975) between 10-16 August, 2015. QRV holiday style on the HF bands, SSB only. QSL via F4EFI bureau or direct. [F4EFI]

05/09/2015: Heinz, DF1YP plans activity as FO/DF1YP from Moorea Island (OC-046, DIFO FO-010, WW Loc. BH52CM) and Pointe Aroa lighthouse (ARLHS FRP-004, WLOTA 0465) from 5th September until 1st October, 2015. QRV holiday style on the HF bands, mainly SSB. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. Online log search will be available at df1yp.darc.de/log/search.html [DX-World]

24/10/2015: Al, F5VHJ will once again be active as NH7A for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (24-25 October) from Keaau, Puna District of Hawaii County, Island of Hawaii [Big Island] (OC-019, USi HI-025S, WLOTA 0065). He plans a

Single-Op/All-Band entry from CQ zone 31. QSL NH7A via F5VHJ, direct or bureau. Club Log OQRS will be available and log will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

21/06/2015: On 21 June the Cray Valley Radio Society will be active as GB150CM from the Crossness Pumping Station in London for the International Museums Weekend. Details on QRZ.com. QSL via G4DFI. [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

21/06-27/06 OZ1IVA/P: Laeso Rende WLOTA:2820 QSL H/c (B)
22/06-23/06 VK5APN: Australia (main island) WLOTA:1520 QSL Direct only
25/06-29/06 4W/JA7LU: Timor Island WLOTA:0019 QSL H/c (d)
25/06-29/06 4W/JI1AVY: Timor Island WLOTA:0019 QSL H/c (d/B)
25/06-29/06 KI1U/VE9: Grand Manan Island WLOTA:0082 QSL H/c (d/B)
25/06-06/07 PJ5/K4RX: St. Eustatius Island WLOTA:1851 QSL K5AND (d)
25/06-06/07 PJ5/K5AND: St. Eustatius Island WLOTA:1851 QSL H/c (d)
25/06-06/07 PJ5/W3CMP: St. Eustatius Island WLOTA:1851 QSL K5AND (d)

6 METRES & UP -

19/06-31/07 6M6M: Gyeonggi Province Grid:PM37 6m High Power QSL HL2UVH (d)
19/06-22/06 MC0SHL: Ramsey Isl EU-124 Grid:IO71hu 6m SSB/CW QSL M0URX OQRS
19/06-03/07 VK7FG: Flinders Isl OC-195 Grid:QE49 possible 6m QSL M0OXO OQRS
20/06 FIRAC VHF Contest 2m SSB 1200z-1700z
20/06 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 144MHz/CW/SO Only 1400z-1700z
20/06 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 432MHz/CW/SO Only 1700z-1800z
20/06-21/06 HB9HI/P: Castle Agiez HB-00631 Grid:JN36 6/2m 50W QSL H/c (d/B)
21/06-22/06 SMIRK Contest 6m/SO 21 0000z-22 2400z
21/06 WAB 50MHz Phone Contest SO/MO/Fixed/Rover 0900z-1500z
21/06-22/06 IARU R1 50MHz (Memorial F8SH) CW/SSB 21 1400z-22 1400z
21/06-26/06 HB0/OO6P: Liechtenstein Grid:JN47 SSB QSL ON6ZV (d/B)
22/06-06/07 C6AUX: Mayaguana Isl NA-113 Grid:FL32 6m CW/SSB QSL VE3IKV (d)
22/06-23/06 VK5APN: Pt Augusta Grid:PF97 2m EME QSL Direct only
23/06 LY 2.4GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM/Open 1700z-2059z
23/06 The 50MHz Open Cumulative SO/MO/LP/MP/HP 1700z-2100z
23/06 NRAU Microwave Activity SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
23/06 RSGB 50MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
23/06 RSGB SHF UKAC SO Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
24/06 SKCC Straight Key Sprint 6m class 0000z-0200z
24/06-02/07 E6AB: Niue Isl OC-040 Grid:AH51ba possible 6m SSB QSL ZL2HM (d)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jun.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

The following operations have been approved for DXCC Credit:
Nepal, 9N7JX, operation from December 2, 2014 to December 11, 2014.
Democratic Republic of Congo, 9Q0HQ, operation from March 10, 2015 to

March 25, 2015.
Tristan da Cunha and Gough Islands, ZD9ZS, operation from September 2014 to October 2014.

QSLs via Bureau: 5X1NH, 8J1ITU, 8R1PY, 9K53NLD, AH0BT, AM01BP, AM04AAQ, AN05CS, SK7BORE, T30D, TI9/3Z9DX, TZ6BB, XP1A and XU7TZG.

QSLs via Direct: 3A90IARU (QRZ.com), 7QAA (N7RO), E30FB (M0URX/OQRS), FW1JG (OQRS), MT0IXD (M0OXO/OQRS), T88TI [OC-296] (OQRS), TI9/3Z9DX (OQRS), V6Z (N3SL), VK1MA (QRZ.com), YJ8RN/P [OC-110 Loh] (H/c) and ZD7VC (cba).

QSLs via LoTW: AL9A, C4Z, CN8KD, CX2BR, HI3TEJ, J35X, KH6ZM, L33M, L77D, LT7H, LU8YE, LU9MDH, PS8BR, PT70FEB, PY4XX, TO2A, W4UT, YD4IRS, YL5T, Z35F, ZA/OU2I and ZP6DYA.

BITS & PIECES -

[QRT] SV2/SV1RP/T, MT. ATHOS -
UPDATE - George SV1RP is now returning to Athens. June 14, 2015 - The following news is being circulated around the DX world by Sotiris, SV1BDO. This info is an update to Saturday's news that SV2/SV1RP/T was apparently operating from Mt Athos. "Hi to all. I just spoke with George, SV1RP by cellphone. George is really inside Mount Athos and claims that he operates 100% legally according to Greek laws. He has in his hands all relative documentation that he is going to officially translate and send to ARRL DXCC desk for validation as soon as he returns home. He signs /T (training), as he trains some monks to Amateur Radio. Operation hours are not fixed as he follows the Orthodox time schedule of the hosting monastery. He will operate mainly in CW. QSL route will be announced later." Earlier today (15th June), Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, the only resident ham operator at Mt Athos, was also active. [DX-World]

T31LP, CENTRAL KIRIBATI -
IMPORTANT UPDATE - It has now transpired, even though the TIGHAR website makes mention that radio operations are now "land based", T31LP is operating onboard the vessel "Nai'a", which is alongside the SS Norwich City, offshore Nikumaroro island. This means T31LP is NOT good for DXCC or IOTA. In QSO with N0UN (n0un.net/t31lp-central-kiribati-on-the-air/), you can listen and hear Lee clearly state all radio operations so far have been from the boat. There is a chance he may yet try put his "feet on the sand". [DX-World]

T32TV, WASHINGTON ISLAND -
UPDATE: Stan KH6CG, QSL manager for Tov T32TV informs readers that a new FT450D radio has just been sent to Washington Island, OC-084. In a few days Tov should be receiving it and then QRV around the first part of July after about a 6 month blackout. Look for Tov on 20 and 17m (around 14238 and 18130 +/-). [DX-World]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
Note: My website is constantly updated and will often show activity that did not make it in time for the I.C.P.O. Bulletin, and last minute announcements. My DX Calendar page is a good place to start to find updated information between bulletins.
Join the VEFF (Flora & Fauna) Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
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